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## Commissioner for Patents

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Re: Application of Philippe ALIPS, Francois DUBRULLE, and Gabriel VERGNIEZ  
METHOD AND DEVICE FOR POINTING A FINE FLUID JET, IN  
PARTICULAR IN LASER WELDING, OR LASER HARDFACING  
Assignee: **USINOR**  
Our Ref: O87507

Dear Sir:

The following documents and fees are submitted herewith in connection with the above application for the purpose of entering the National stage under 35 U.S.C. §371 and in accordance with the Patent Cooperation Treaty:

- ☒ an English translation of the International Application.
- ☒ one (1) sheet of drawing (Fig. 1).
- ☒ an Information Disclosure Statement and a copy of the ISR.
- ☒ a PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) listing the ISR references.
- ☒ Notification Concerning Submission or Transmittal of Priority Document
- ☒ **it is expressly requested that the national stage of processing be commenced immediately in accordance with 35 U.S.C. § 371(f)**

In addition to the documents submitted herewith, it is assumed that copies of the International Application, the International Search Report and cited references, the International Preliminary Examination Report, and any Articles 19 and 34 amendments as required by §371(c) will be supplied directly by the International Bureau, but if further copies are needed, the undersigned will undertake to provide them upon request.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	<u>11</u>	-	20	=	x \$50.00	=	\$0.00
Independent claims	1	-	3	=	x \$200.00	=	\$0.00
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Base Fee							<u>\$300.00</u>
Search Fee*							<u>\$400.00</u>
Examination Fee*							<u>\$200.00</u>
Multiple Dependent Claim Fee							<u>\$360.00</u>
TOTAL FEE							\$1260.00



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\* The international search fee for all claims was not paid to the USPTO, as the ISA, but the ISR is being submitted herewith.

A check for the statutory filing fee of \$1260.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
France	02 13720	October 31, 2002

Respectfully submitted,

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